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SUBJECT: TENG HSIAO-PING COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

- 1. VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAD-PING HOSTED A FAREWELL LUNCHEUN DECEMBER & FOR USLD CHIEF AND MRS. BUSH IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE (HUNA HAS REPORTED ONLY THAT TENG "MET" THE BUSHES). THIS UNUSUAL GESTURE BY TENG FOR A DEPARTING CHIEF OF MISSION IS HEING WIDELY—AND WE THINK CORRECTLY—INTERPRETED IN PEKING CIPLOHATIC CIRCLES AS (1) ANOTHER INDICATION OF CHINESE PLEASURE WITH THE RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND (2) A MARK OF THE PRO LEADERSHIP'S ESTEEM FOR RUSH PERSONALLY.
- 2. TENG BEGAN THE PRE-LUNCHEDN CONVENSATION BY COMMENTING THAT THIS WAS "AN INFORMAL EUNCHEON TO SHOW OUR GOOD RELATIONS," SOON AFTERWARDS HE SAID, "THE RESULT OF YOUR PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CHINA IS GREATER THAN WE EXPECTED, EVEN YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE FEELS THE SAME WAY."
- 3. AT THE TABLE TENS REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO BUSH'S "PROMOTION," AND AT ONE POINT DEFERED A TUAST TO IT.
- A. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE LUNCHERN WAS RELAXED AND CONVIVIAL. TENG SMOKES LESS THAN USUAL AND FORETGN MINISTER CHIAD KUAN-HUA PRACTICED HIS QUITE GOOD ENGLISH (AT ONE POINT CALLING ACROSS THE TABLE TO AUDRESS USED CHIEF AS "GEORGE"). REMINISCING ABOUT THE LUNG HARCH, TENG REMARKED THAT HE HAD HEEN 31 AT THE TIME, BUT THAT A GREAT MANY ON THE MARCH HAD BEEN YOUNGER THAN HE, IN

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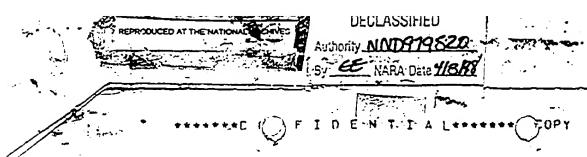
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THEIR THENTIES. (HE MAY HAVE HANTED TO MAKE THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE LONG MARCHERS AROUND FOR A GOOD WHILE YET.) TENG SPOKE PROUDLY OF BEING FROM SZECHUAN, AND SAID THAT IN THE PAST HE HAD TRIED TO VISIT HIS HOME PROVINCE AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. WHEN BUSH REMARKED THAT THE CUISINE OF HUNAN (MAU'S HOME PROVINCE) HAS, LIKE SZECHUAN'S, VERY HOT, TENG RESPONDED HUMDHOUSLY THAT HUNAN COOKING WAS ONLY A SUB-SCHOOL OF SZECHUAN COOKING, THOUGH HE SUPPOSED THAT IN SAYING SU HE LEFT HIMSELF OPEN TO THE CHARGE OF BEING A "GREAT PROVINCE CHAUVINIST."

5. CHINESE ATTENDING THE LUNCH RESIDED TENG AND CHIRD HER ALL MAJ OFFICIALS: PROTOCOL DIRECTOR CHU CHUAN-HSIEN AND DEPUTED DIRECTOR TANG LUNG-PING AND AMERICAS AND UCEANIA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LIN PING PLUS LIN'S PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATERS V MENT DEALING WITH US AFFAIRS INCLUDING TANG WEN-SHENG (NANCY TANG). ONLY NOTABLE ABSENCE WAS THAT OF VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG. HANG, HOHEVER, HAD FARLIER HOSTED A FORMAL FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR THE BUSHES. THAYER

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